

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 4, 6-18, 20-23, and 25-26 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 20, 21, and 26 have been amended as shown on pp. 2-5 of the Reply. Claim 19 has been cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview on January 15, 2009, between Examiner Chante Harrison and Applicants' representative Bradley Spitz. During the interview, the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6-23, and 25-26 under 35 U.S.C. §101 was discussed. In addition, proposed amendments to the claims relative to said rejection were discussed.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 6-23, and 25-26 Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1, 4, 6-23, and 25-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Independent claims 1, 20, and 26 (and their corresponding dependent claims) have been amended to respectively incorporate the necessary physical articles or objects to constitute a machine or manufacture under MPEP 2106.01 and 35 U.S.C. §101. Further, independent claim 19 has been amended herein to tie the recited method to a physical machine or manufacture, as required by 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP538US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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